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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I understand that the big internet providers want to cut down on competition. I want and hope you do not allow this. For me, I use a small ISP in California, Sonic.net. The most important reason why I like them, is if there is any problem or something that does not seem right, I can call a phone number and get someone that can answer what is going on with my connection. No endless phone tree that never seems to end. The person I talk to has in front of them a screen that tells him or her what is going on with my phone and or internet connection. No talking to an operator that has no idea what is happening. A fast internet connection that is fast and reliable is very important to me as I trade stocks online during the week. At this time I have a DSL connection, but fiber is coming to my area in the next several months and I still want to use my independent operator. Sonic.net also provides me telephone service. Please continue to allow competition and the smaller network operators.

Thank you,

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